

## **The Old Man of the Tundra**

Long time ago in the village of Chefornak, there were stories of an old man that dragged a mysterious bag to and fro through out the tundras of Alaska. The villagers told outsiders, if they ever came close The Old Man you would have to look away from him, though you were never told why. If you got in his way he would say something of this effect, "Hey, you there. Get out of my way." You would have to answer, "No, I can stand anywhere I want to." (Though sometimes it would be an extended argument.)

After he gives up from trying to convince you to stop obstructing his path, he would bargain with you. He would grant you one wish if you step away from his path. Some people have claimed that they would hear The Old Man grab something out his bag. But to this day no one knows what it is that is inside the mysterious bag; save but one man in a rumored story.

A young male villager listened into a conversation about an old wandering hermit dragging around a mysterious bag. The young villager began to wonder about the mystique of the bag of this enigmatic hermit. His mind was swimming around the ideas of what could the bag contain. He became furiously curious.

One day, he set out to search for this old man with bow and arrow. He found him and before The Old Man said a word he put an arrow straight through the wondering elder's forehead. With great anticipation, he opened the bag and looked inside. He did not like what he saw.

The villagers were anxiously waiting for the young man to return and tell about his account with The Old Man. He told them that he saw what was in the bag, but he began to stutter. The villagers asked, "Well, what was in the bag?" He began to tear up, and started to cry.

They kept asking but he couldn't answer. Maybe some things aren't meant to be seen. There are still sightings of an old man dragging something in the tundras close the Chefornak area.